

COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Elections, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 523, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1 Page 1, line 14, delete ".".
- 2 Page 1, line 14, reset in roman "or".
- 3 Page 1, line 14, after "or" insert "**precinct judges.**".
- 4 Page 2, delete lines 17 through 42, begin a new paragraph and
- 5 insert:
- 6 "SECTION 3. IC 3-11.5-4-22 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 22. (a) **Except as**
- 8 **provided in subsection (b)**, each county election board shall appoint:
- 9 (1) absentee voter boards;
- 10 (2) teams of absentee ballot counters; and
- 11 (3) teams of couriers;
- 12 consisting of two (2) voters of the county, one (1) from each of the two
- 13 (2) political parties that have appointed members on the county
- 14 election board.
- 15 (b) **Notwithstanding subsection (a), a county election board may**
- 16 **appoint, by a unanimous vote of the board's members, only one (1)**
- 17 **absentee ballot courier if the person appointed is a voter of the**
- 18 **county.**
- 19 (c) A person is not eligible to serve on an absentee voter board or as
- 20 an absentee ballot counter or a courier if the person:

- 1 (1) is unable to read, write, and speak the English language;
 - 2 (2) has any property bet or wagered on the result of the election;
 - 3 (3) is a candidate to be voted for at the election, except as an
 - 4 unopposed candidate for precinct committeeman or state
 - 5 convention delegate; or
 - 6 (4) is the spouse, parent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, child,
 - 7 son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, brother,
 - 8 sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, or
 - 9 first cousin of a candidate or declared write-in candidate to be
 - 10 voted for at the election except as an unopposed candidate. This
 - 11 subdivision disqualifies a person whose relationship to the
 - 12 candidate is the result of birth, marriage, or adoption. This
 - 13 subdivision does not disqualify a person who is a spouse of a first
 - 14 cousin of the candidate."
 - 15 Delete page 3.
 - 16 Page 4, delete lines 1 through 34.
 - 17 Page 5, delete lines 19 through 20.
 - 18 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
- (Reference is to SB 523 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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Chairperson